

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

October 7, 1965  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by REVEREND FRANK WALKER, First Southern Presbyterian Church.

Councilman LaRue moved that the zoning hearings be recessed for a few minutes to hear some citizens on special matters. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

MR. HILLMAN LYONS, Manager of the Austin Braves, announced his leaving Austin and introduced MR. BOB MORRIS as General Manager, who expressed pleasure in his new assignment to Austin. The Mayor stated the Austin Braves drew some 30,000 more patrons than they had before, and Austin was delighted with the relationship it had always enjoyed with the Milwaukee team.

COLONEL ROBERT WUCHER introduced REVEREND LARRY NIXON, Tarrytown Baptist Church, who stated on September 7th, he joined 700 other Baptist ministers in a crusade in New Zealand, and he had taken greetings from the Mayor to the Mayors of Napier and Taradale Borough in New Zealand. In return he was bringing greetings from these two cities and presented a gift to the Mayor from each. Mayor Palmer read letters from MAYOR TAIT, Napier; and from MAYOR A. W. MILLER, Taradale Borough, and expressed thanks to Mr. Nixon, for his representing Austin and for bringing messages from these cities.

Mayor Palmer recognized also a group of students from the Speech Class at the University of Texas.

Pursuant to published notice thereof the following zoning applications were publicly heard:

GULF OIL CORPORATION	7040-7106 U.S. Highway 290	From "A" Residence
By J.A. Lands	Additional Area	To "GR" General Retail
	7108-7112 U.S. Highway 290	RECOMMENDED by the
	Rear of 7114-7124 U.S.	Planning Commission
	Highway 290	

Councilman White moved that the change to "GR" General Retail be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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LEON CHANDLER, JR.	3708 Crawford Avenue	From "A" Residence
& GORDON D. CLARK	Additional Area	To "O" Office
	3702-3704, 3710-3712	RECOMMENDED by the
	Crawford Avenue	Planning Commission
	1505-1507 West 38th Street	

Councilman White moved that the change to "O" Office be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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MRS. BILLIE A. DANEY	2003-2005 Whitis Avenue	From "B" Residence 2nd
		Height & Area
		To "C" Commercial 2nd
		Height & Area
		RECOMMENDED by the
		Planning Commission

Councilman LaRue moved that the change to "C" Commercial 2nd Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C" Commercial 2nd Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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GEORGE & DAISY  
SHEPHERD

5007-5015 Burnet Road  
Additional Area  
Rear of 5003-5005 Burnet  
Road

From "A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area and  
"C" Commercial 2nd  
Height & Area  
To "C" Commercial 2nd  
Height & Area  
RECOMMENDED by the  
Planning Commission

Councilman White moved that the change to "C" Commercial 2nd Height & Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C" Commercial 2nd Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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JOHNNIE G. ANDERSON  
By Marvin Braswell

4901-4903 Airport Blvd.  
902 East 49th Street

From "GR" General Retail  
To "C-2" Commercial  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission  
RECOMMENDED "C-1"  
Commercial

Mr. Braswell stated the recommendation of the Planning Commission was acceptable. Councilman Long moved that the zoning change be granted as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-1" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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ROBERTA DICKSON  
By Trueman O'Quinn

5209-5309 Glissman Street  
760 $\frac{1}{2}$ -770 $\frac{1}{2}$  Airport Blvd.

From "D" Industrial 6th  
Height & Area and  
"A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "D" Industrial 6th  
Height & Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

MR. TRUEMAN O'QUINN represented Mrs. Dickson stating this area in the Austin Development Plan called for industrial. The reason the application was not recommended was the fact Glissman Street is only 30' wide, and he would recommend to Mrs. Dickson that she straighten out this tract with the dedication of 8'. The Director of Planning stated the standard width to be recommended was 80', but as a personal recommendation would be 70', as Glissman is a connection between Shady Lane and Glissman and not a cross-town thoroughfare. The 8' dedication would make the street 30', which would be inadequate. Shady Lane ultimately will have to be widened. Mr. O'Quinn did not want to suggest that Mrs. Dickson dedicate 25' and the City not develop this for several years; also other people had not dedicated right-of-way. He said he would recommend the establishment of a building line. The Mayor stated by dedicating 8' to straighten out the property and establishing a building line to provide the necessary right-of-way, she would still have an opportunity to go on and dedicate the right-of-way. The City Attorney said with the building line, there would be no claim of damages for diminishing the area on the widening. Looking toward the future if the City ever intended an 80' street to serve industrial property and 25' were presently established there would be no damage to the remainder. The Mayor stated the widening would be the present property line, plus 8' plus 25'. Councilman LaRue stated a 70' right-of-way would be all right with him, and that would be a 20' set back. Mr. O'Quinn asked that the Council authorize him and the City Attorney to work these figures out between now and next Thursday. Councilman Long moved that the requested zoning be changed to "D" Industrial subject to working out the street widening with the attorneys. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Long stated it was her understanding there would be a dedication of 8' and a building line established.

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "D" Industrial 6th Height & Area subject to working out the street widening and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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KASSUBA DEVELOPMENT  
CORP., By Frank  
Montgomery

Tract 1  
2100-2444 Riverside Drive  
1501-1615 Tinnin Lane

From Interim "A" Residence 1st Height & Area  
To "GR" General Retail 1st Height & Area

Tract 2  
1101-1115, 1227-1423  
Tinnin Lane  
Rear of 1117-1225 Tinnin Lane

From Interim "A" Residence 1st Height & Area  
To "B" Residence 1st Height & Area

Additional Area  
1117-1225 Tinnin Lane

From Interim "A" Residence 1st Height & Area  
To "B" Residence 1st Height & Area  
RECOMMENDED by the  
Planning Commission

The Planning Director reviewed the rights-of-way involved stating Riverside Drive is proposed as an expressway with right-of-way of 230'. A tentative agreement with the applicants has been reached for reserving future right-of-way for that expressway when developed. On South Lakeshore Boulevard dedications have been agreed to by the applicants and Travis Materials, and this will bring South Lakeshore Boulevard into Pleasant Valley Road. The subdivision plat shows a proposed dedication for South Lakeshore Boulevard of 120'. The Planning Director explained the problem of the Tinnin tract on which no dedication could be obtained nor could the developers acquire the tract. Tinnin Lane ultimately will be 70' wide. The problem of the Tinnin tract involves not only a street situation but a utility situation. Councilman Long inquired as to why this Corporation was dedicating only 5' and reserving 150' to be purchased later for Riverside Drive, when others dedicated the right-of-way out right. The Planning Director stated 5' had been dedicated to bring Riverside Drive up to the Master Plan requirements; and in the future the rest would be acquired for expressway purposes on the basis of no payment for improvements or severance damages. The land will not be purchased for 10 or 15 years. (This is in accordance with the Texas Highway Department Expressway System.) The developers are dedicating from 50-90' on South Lakeshore Boulevard, and the owners on the other side will dedicate the rest to bring the Boulevard up to 120'. The only question is the tract under different ownership. The Planning Director suggested condemnation for right-of-way purposes through this tract, and the developers' reimbursing the City. Councilman Long stated the subdivider paves the streets and dedicates them, and this is in the nature of a subdivision. The one big tract is being used for 700 apartments. The developers make their own driveways; but this is in the nature of a street and this is different. After more discussion, Councilman LaRue moved that the zoning change be granted as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail 1st Height and Area for Tract 1, and to "B" Residence 1st Height and Area for Tract 2 and Additional Area, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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GRUBER, BELL &amp; CAIN

Tract 1  
1206-1224 South Lamar  
Boulevard

From "C" Commercial 6th  
Height & Area and  
"A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "C" Commercial 3rd  
Height & Area

Tract 2  
1205-1207 Kinney Avenue

From "C" Commercial 6th  
Height & Area and  
"A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "B" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
RECOMMENDED by the  
Planning Commission

The Planning Director stated 10' of right-of-way was needed along Lamar, as the traffic forecast is very heavy. Mr. Cain stated the sale of this property was not contingent upon zoning, and they had agreed to sell them an amount of land and were unable to dedicate 10' for right-of-way without their buyers' enjoinder, as the application did not encompass any right-of-way. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved to grant the zoning as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C" Commercial 3rd Height and Area for Tract 1, and to "B" Residence 1st Height and Area for Tract 2 and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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JAMES K. EICHELBERGER, 2000-2002 Oldham  
JR. 706-710 East 20th Street

From "B" Residence 2nd  
Height & Area  
To "O" Office 2nd Height  
& Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

Mr. Eichelberger represented himself asking the Council to look at this tract and noting the change of level of streets. Oldham Street is 9' lower than 20th Street at the intersection. They propose to build a four story office building, the first two stories for parking and the upper two would be offices. Councilman Long wanted to see this location. The Planning Director stated this area was in a state of change, and probably office development as opposed to apartment development would be better. Later in the afternoon meeting, after the Council made an on-site inspection of the area, Councilman Shanks moved that the change be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office 2nd

Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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HERBERT BOHN, J.D.	3711 Jefferson Street	From "A" Residence
WILLIS & MILO W.	1605-1607 W.38th Street	To "LR" Local Retail
WEAVER	1601-1603 W.38th Street	NOT Recommended by the
By Jerry Perlitz	3712-3714 Kerbey Lane	Planning Commission
JAMES BERGEN, JR.	3710 Kerbey Lane	From "A" Residence
By Jerry Perlitz		To "LR" Local Retail
		RECOMMENDED by the
		Planning Commission

These two applications were considered together. The Planning Director stated Mr. Perlitz had offered dedication on Jefferson Street along West 38th; but they technically are not the owners of the property. The City Attorney stated the ordinance could be drawn and passed with their offer of dedication. Councilman LaRue moved that these zoning requests be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change to "LR" Local Retail had been granted on both requests and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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LEON D. SMITH	2702-2704 Sol Wilson Avenue	From "A" Residence
		To "C" Commercial
		NOT Recommended by the
		Planning Commission

Mr. Smith stated the front part of the tract is "C" Commercial and the rear is "A" Residence. The rest of the property on Sol Wilson is commercial on each side of his. He is in the process of bringing this group of houses up to standard including the six on the residential tract. The Building Official stated the residential use is being converted to a tourist court, and each house has to be brought up to standard. Mr. Smith had 13 houses on the commercial tract. After discussion, Councilman White moved that the requested zoning be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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JOHNNIE G. ANDERSON  
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By Marvin Braswell

611-621 East 45th Street  
4412-4420 Eilers

From "A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "B" Residence 2nd  
Height & Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

Mr. Marvin Braswell represented the applicant who indicated by letter that he would dedicate up to 25' right-of-way for East 45th Street; and 29' of right-of-way on Eilers Street. They have indicated their willingness to give that to the City, but they do not want to pay for the paving also. Besides the right-of-way dedication, they have agreed to put in no more than 40 units. Opposition was expressed by Mr. Ray Smith, Jr., adjacent property owner, stating this was a spot zoning. He had a petition signed by 23 out of the 29 people, to whom notices were sent, opposing the change. Dr. Douglas Terry opposed the change, as he owned several lots south of this property which he had wanted re-zoned, but was advised by his real estate agents it would be considered as spot zoning. His protest included increased traffic, and collection of garbage cans as he has trouble already with garbage from the duplexes east of him. Mr. Braswell listed the number of apartments and "B" Residence 2nd Height and Area zonings in this block. The Planning Director pointed out the concern is exemplified on 45th and Airport Boulevard and the many apartments constructed. Cars are all over the adjacent streets and there is a serious situation. He pointed out the Planning Commission recommended a 50' right-of-way on Eilers as well as a 25' dedication on East 45th Street. Opposition was expressed by MR. J. E. RAFFA, stating more traffic would be dangerous due to the parking situation now. He said he had filed a petition for the extension of Eilers before the Planning Commission a year ago. The Planning Director stated a street was not paved and zoned unless there was adequate right-of-way, and he was sure there was difficulty in getting the necessary right-of-way. Mr. Braswell said he was recommending two parking spaces for each apartment. One protestant asked that the Council look at the apartments on 45th Street, all of which have off-street parking, and note that cars are parked all over the place. The Council wanted to make an on-site inspection of the area. Later in the afternoon meeting, the Council discussed this request again, and the Planning Director was to contact Mr. Braswell about the 25' right-of-way on 45th Street and 29' on Eilers, the property owner to pay for their part of the paving and drainage problem. The Council postponed decision.

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OLIE O. PERRY

2010 ~~Koenig~~ Lane  
5901-5903 Laird Drive

From "A" Residence  
To "LR" Local Retail  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

Mr. Perry represented himself, stating he had to move from his home due to his health and planned to sell the property. Koenig Lane is classed as commercial. He never told anyone at the Zoning Board that he would provide 10' right-of-way. The Planning Director stated the street was inadequate, and 10' was needed on the north side and possibly 10' on the south side. Councilman Long stated this was a small tract, and 10' would reduce it to such a small area he could not use it for anything. Councilman LaRue stated if this were the only one in question, Councilman Long's point was well taken, but there will be 15



or 20 more cases, and this would be setting a precedent for all of them. The Council decided to go look at the whole area. Later in the afternoon meeting, the Council discussed this request again as to the 10' right-of-way. Councilman Long preferred the 10' be designated as a set back; other Council members thought the 10' should be dedicated, and no action was taken.

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DR. W. M. COLLINS  
By Rodger Flawman

3901-3903 East 19th Street  
1809 Perez Street

From "A" Residence  
To "C-2" Commercial  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

Councilman Long moved that the Council uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission and DENY the change. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been DENIED.

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At 10:30 A.M., Mayor Palmer opened the hearing on the ordinance annexing proposed GREENWOOD HILLS, SECTION 3. No one appeared to be heard. Councilman White moved that the hearing be closed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its first reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN  
BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXA-  
TION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF  
10.86 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF  
THE ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;  
WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND  
ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF  
AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.  
(Greenwood Hills, Section 3)

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman LaRue moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of September 30, 1965, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Not in Council Room when roll was called: Councilman Shanks

The City Manager submitted the following:

"October 4, 1965

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager  
Austin, Texas

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"Sealed bids were received until 11:00 A.M., Friday, October 1, 1965 at the Office of the Director of the Water and Sewer Department for the installation of 1,820 feet of 12-inch, 863 feet of 8-inch, and 2,263 feet of 6-inch cast iron WATER MAIN IN PAVING GROUP NUMBER 41. The purpose of this installation is to prepare the area for paving. The bids were publicly opened and read in the Second Floor Conference Room, Municipal Building, Austin, Texas.

"The following is a tabulation of bids received:

<u>"Firm</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Working Days</u>
H and M Construction Corporation	\$25,774.79	40
Bland Construction Company	26,702.55	30
Austin Engineering Company	26,780.10	45
Fairey-Simpson	28,521.05	50
Walter W. Schmidt	28,921.65	40
Bill Tabor	29,163.50	44
Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated	37,403.00	65
City of Austin (Estimate)	27,356.90	

"It is recommended that the contract be awarded to the H and M Construction Corporation on their low bid of \$25,774.79, with 40 working days.

"Yours truly,  
s/ Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
Director Water and Sewer Department"

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on October 1, 1965, for

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the installation of 1,820 feet of 12-inch, 863 feet of 8-inch, and 2,263 feet of 6-inch cast iron water main in Paving Group Number 41; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of H and M Construction Corporation, in the sum of \$25,774.79, was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Water and Sewer Department of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of H and M Construction Corporation, in the sum of \$25,774.79, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with H and M Construction Corporation.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following:

"October 5, 1965

"TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Bids for Sodium Hexametaphosphate.

"Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 10:00 A.M. October 1, 1965 for 80,000 pounds of Sodium Hexametaphosphate for the Filter Plants. This quantity represents approximately a six months supply of this material.

"Invitations to bid were sent to all firms that have asked to bid or that we thought could possibly bid.

"The bids received are as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Net Unit Price</u>	<u>Net Total Price</u>
Calgon Corporation	Calgon	\$0.1048	\$8,384.00
Dixie Chemical Co.	Stauffer	0.1240	9,920.00
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.	Olin	0.1015	8,120.00
Par Tek Corporation	Hooker	0.1015	8,120.00
Maintenance Engineering	MECO	0.1138	9,104.00
F.M.C. Corporation	F.M.C.	0.1025	8,200.00

"On bids taken February 12, 1965 the low unit price obtained was \$0.1033 from Par Tek Corporation. The bids by Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation of Houston and Par Tek Corporation of Houston meet all requirements and conditions of our specification, and are in all things identical to each other.

"RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the award be made by the casting of lots in the manner directed by the City Council.

"W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager"

Councilman LaRue called attention to the report all members received from the Chancellor of the University of Texas.

Councilman Long brought up for discussion the Barton Creek Green Belt, stating she favored having a green belt and would consider purchasing some property, as these are some of the assets Austin would lose otherwise. She believed the Open Space Program could be used for purchasing this Barton Creek property. Also she favored exploring purchasing all of Mount Bonnell, stating the developers would consider an offer from the City, and make it on a long term plan. The City Manager stated he should comment on the Barton Creek area, as he had been misquoted substantially. He reported he had a request from the developer to visit with him about his subdivision and development of the area, the Planning Director was called in on this discussion; and plans were laid out and reviewed. Mr. Bradfield expressed to him that providing a road between the creek and his lots would result in considerable reduction of the value of the lots; and for that reason he had not provided for such a road. However, he had provided for a green belt or parkway which appeared on the plat and which he proposed to sell to the City. The City Manager told the developer that his personal opinion was that the green belt shown on the plat should be acquired; and in some places the City might like access to it by a road, but it would not be necessary to have a roadway paralleling the green belt throughout the full length of the creek. Some places a road might be built along the creek; and in some places it might not be desirable. The City Manager stated he had not had any conference with the Planning Department, nor attended a Planning Commission meeting with regard to this; nor had he attended a Parks Board meeting, but he had been quoted as having made a decision as to what the City was going to do about the property and that was not correct. Councilman Long expressed concern about the beauty of the creek, and the green belt. The City Manager stated all of the flood plain would be included in the green belt but it would not be desirable to have nothing but the flood plain; that there should be some land that did not flood. The conclusion of the discussion was that Mr. Bradfield and the Planning Director would see where a line could be drawn to allow land that would not be subject to flooding in addition to the flood land which would be a part of the green belt. Councilman Long inquired about the City's constructing a roadway. The City Manager stated if this were to be used as a parkway with a 50' road through the part that does not flood, there would not be much parkway left. Mayor Palmer asked that the plans be brought before the Council for review. Councilman LaRue asked that this be done as quickly as possible in the interests of both the City and the developer and that a conclusion be reached. The City Manager explained the long range plans for parks in the Master Plan and in the Capital Improvement Plan which has been developed through the years by the Planning Commission with approval of the City Council in the case of the Master Plan; and the bond programs providing the financing for these projects. There is no intention on the part of any of the people who work for the City to ignore those plans for the future. In this particular area, the plans do not envision anything except a green belt, defined in the Master Plan to be the flooded areas along the creek for possible hike and bike trails; but nothing is said about roads. The City has no financing plan for purchasing any appreciable amount of land other than those parks designated in the bond program at the present time. Councilman Shanks stated he was just as anxious for a green belt and all the parks as anyone, but there was one drawback, and that is the City can afford as many parks as it can pay for. He believed the financial part should have some governing control. Councilman Long stated the Budget was going to have to be stretched and a forward look taken

toward expanding the Recreation Department and planning for parks and keeping Austin abreast. The City Manager reported Austin spent almost twice as much per capita on recreation as any other city comparable in size or larger.

Councilman Long asked that the City get two or three appraisers to appraise Mount Bonnell. Councilman Shanks stated the Council had already voted not to buy this property. Councilman LaRue and Councilman White expressed themselves as maintaining their positions on Mount Bonnell. Mayor Palmer observed that even among the learned planners and experts in fields of landscaping, etc., there is no exactness among any of those planners. The Council's Committee on the study of Mount Bonnell came up with a 7 to 7 tie vote. The Planning Commission had a 4 to 4 tie vote. This indicates a difference of opinion. Mayor Palmer stated the Council was looking forward in the recreation field; that it had acquired over 300 acres in northwest Austin as a future park and planning another huge park in South Austin; it had purchased 80 acres in southwest Austin of which the City has 40 acres for a park. He stated Austin had always looked ahead of the development in trying to locate these parks. There has been a very definite policy of looking after the parks, green belts and open spaces for the City. Councilman Shanks wanted to emphasize again that nothing is going to happen to Mount Bonnell. The only thing being discussed is land adjacent to Mount Bonnell.

The Council recessed until 2:00 P.M.

RECESSED MEETING

2:00 P.M.

At 2:00 P.M. the Council resumed its business.

The City Attorney briefed the Council on the 1937 Federal Housing Act, the Texas Legislative Enabling Acts setting up Public Housing Authorities, and the State, after the governing body of a city, declared the necessity for the Authority and finding there were substandard conditions, etc., creating the Housing Authority and defining its functions, powers and authority. The Council in 1937 adopted the necessary resolution, and the Austin Housing Authority commenced its functions. The Commission is appointed by the Mayor, who also selects the Chairman. The functions of the authority are outlined in specific and broad detail in the Housing Act, and the complete government of the Housing Authority is vested in the Board. The only duty of the City is the appointment of the Board and the removal of a member for inefficiency or malfeasance of office after a hearing. Other Acts authorized cooperation agreements between other agents of government and the Housing Authority, and the Housing Authority is a municipal corporation. Four different cooperative agreements have been made since the Housing Authority was created in Austin. The control of employees of the Housing Authority, or the fixing of rates of rent or eligibility for tenants are exclusively confined to the Housing Authority, and the City has no authority whatsoever.

The City Attorney explained the financing of the authority, and the contract it has with the Federal Government. The members of the Council discussed with the City Attorney different facets of the Housing Authority. He discussed the cooperative agreement, its necessary publication, and the right for a

referendum through petition with the required number of signatures of voters. In answer to inquiries by the Council Members, the City Attorney stated the purpose of the Housing Authority was to provide decent, safe, sanitary houses within the reach of low income people. Rental rates are established through a guide of the Federal Housing Administrator and a contract between the F.H.A. and Housing Authority and are based on income and number of dependents. Regulations of conduct are controlled exclusively by the Housing Authority. The Authority makes an annual payment in lieu of taxes and the City distributes this payment proportionately to the schools, state, county, and city.

The City Manager distributed an agenda of the tax appeals to the Council, showing the owners, description of the properties and values.

Mayor Palmer stated Dorothy E. Wagner, 407 South Congress (the Bowling Alley) had received a notice from the Building Official that the improvements were substandard and must be removed. The only value under protest in the tax appeal would be the improvements. After discussion, Councilman White moved that the improvements on Parcel No. 2-0101-0202, known as 407 South Congress in the name of Dorothy E. Wagner, be removed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman LaRue moved that the following dates be set for the Regular Council Meetings:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH as the Regular Meeting falls on All Veterans Day, a holiday.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD as the Regular Meeting would be on Thanksgiving Day.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Shanks moved that MR. DAVID BARROW be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Long. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. BARROW discussed the Barton Creek green belt matter, stating Mr. Bradfield owns and controls 1,500 acres along Barton Creek, and has submitted the first section of a subdivision of that land to the Planning Commission committee. On that first section is shown a strip along Barton Creek for a hike and bike trail. The Parks Board representative requested that the depth be increased and a street be provided between the park area and the subdivision. Mr. Barrow, in view of this area being one of the most scenic and beautiful places in Austin, asked that careful consideration should be given as to what

is to be done about the creek. This is right next to Zilker Park. The Development Plan contains a recommendation that the City acquire creek areas around Austin and this is one case where the land can be acquired on an easy long term agreement. He stated the subdivider should not be held up indefinitely, but he asked that the Council give the Commission a week or two to get something definite to present to the subdividers before the plat goes to the Subdivision Committee and Planning Commission. Councilman Long stated this had been discussed earlier in the morning, and the Council wanted to see the subdivision plat and talk with the developers, and perhaps drive over the area. The Mayor stressed that everyone was interested in keeping Austin beautiful; but even among the learned planners, there is no agreement on what is beautiful or what is not. He thanked Mr. Barrow for his interest.

Councilman White moved that the Ben Hur Circus be granted permission to have a parade on November 2nd at 4:15 P.M. as cleared through the Police Department. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

In connection with the Ben Hur Circus, Councilman Long moved that the Council grant them permission to place a ticket booth at 7th and Congress, since the Hotel has cleared this. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Long moved that the Council grant Colonel Murphy permission to conduct the Veterans' Day Parade on November 11th. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager reported some students for Democratic Action requested permission to parade on Guadalupe. The Chief of Police stated this group was "Students for Democratic Society" who want to parade for the purpose of recognizing "International Protest Day". Councilman Shanks asked that the students state what their purposes and their intents are, and what they are going to accomplish. The Police Chief outlined the route the group wanted for their parade, and his recommendation for another route. After discussion, the Mayor stated the group would be asked to come before the Council next Thursday and give the Council additional information. The Mayor asked that copies of the information available today be supplied to the Council. Councilman Shanks withdrew his motion to deny the request subject to getting more details.

Mayor Palmer opened a discussion with the Board Members and Administrators of the AUSTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY. MR. HUBERT JONES, Chairman of the Authority, introduced the members present. Mayor Palmer stated the Council realized the Authority was an autonomous entity and its operations were within the Authority's jurisdiction. There was an impresssion left from some publicity that rents were too high for low income people to live in the Housing Project. Probably overlooked was that the charges covered shelter rent, utilities, and many other things. The particular incident mentioned in the publicity was one occupant could not pay \$71.00 and had to be placed in a different unit other than the Housing Authority. Councilman Long stated she thought it was wise and healthy for the Council to meet with the Board and review their policies, and purposes, and let the people of Austin know what the Housing Authority does and how it helps people; and it may be in the future more public housing will be needed, and there would be a more friendly outlook so that people would not feel that apartments were being constructed for those who could afford them instead of for the poor and the people who need them. She wanted to know what the policies are and if the Housing Authority had any plans or needs it could let the City know. MR. HARMON HODGES, Director, in order to give an overall idea of the operations, distributed to the Council Members a schedule of rent based on a 12 months' basis which was in direct relationship to income, and reviewed this statement, pointing out details. As to the particular incident mentioned, he had no knowledge of a family paying \$71.00 rental being asked to move. The average rent is around \$35.44. He explained the waiting list, stating there were around 300 requests for interviews, but that many may not be eligible, but the Housing Authority is keeping up with its occupancy with the eligible applicants. Mr. Hodges explained the policy of establishing rates of pay for construction people, based on a 40 hour week plus overtime and allowing for seven weeks that they might not be able to work for some reason.

Mr. Hodges stated about 100 aged people were in the Authority now; and when the new housing for the aged is ready, these will have an opportunity to move in there. He explained also the rent subsidy available to people in certain incomes but the Housing Authority is not in line to receive this supplement.

In discussing the financial status, Mr. Hodges stated during the last five years there had not been a year that they had failed to reduce the retirement debt. They had reduced their annual F.H.A. subsidy \$77,000 last year. MR. BILL PETRI reported that the financial condition here is far better in this district of seven states than he knew of anywhere else and this group had done an excellent job.

Councilman Shanks was interested in the publicity about this \$71.00 charge. Mr. Hodges said they did not know where that figure came from. In discussing rents for various incomes, Councilman Shanks inquired of the percentage of loss. Mr. Hodges stated there was about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1%.

Councilman Long inquired if Mr. Hodges thought there was a shortage of public housing, of this type. Mr. Hodges stated Mr. Osborne could give more information along this line. Councilman Long inquired about the turnover in the Housing Projects. Mr. Hodges listed the turn over for the past five years stating it was right at 30% in their 839 units. The majority of the people move for reasons of their own; and some for non-payment of rent through mismanagement of their income.



After a detailed discussion of the management of operation of the Housing Authority, Councilman Shanks stated these administrators and Board seemed to be doing a fine job; and on this low income rent they are furnishing better facilities for less money, and he commended them on the very fine job they are doing. The Mayor echoed those sentiments, and stated Austin had been fortunate on many areas where people give of their time and devote many hours improving the community. The Mayor expressed, on behalf of the Council, its thanks to each member of the Board and to Mr. Hodges for the wonderful job that is being done. He stated he did not think it was the intent for the Austin Housing Authority to provide houses for all the poor, but to encourage the community to recognize a slum clearance project and try to encourage individuals to get into this area as much as possible.

The Mayor asked the City Manager to review a situation in the Urban Renewal Program, and asked the Housing Authority to take this under consideration and information would be furnished and another meeting could be held and see what the answer to the situation would be.

The City Manager reviewed some figures on public housing stating in 1939 there were 245 public housing units in Austin. In 1955 the last project was just about completed and the total units now are about 849, all provided before 1955. None has been added in the last ten years. Under construction there are some units that will be limited to persons 62 and over. He said the Planning Director has done considerable work in anticipating needs for low income housing requirements, particularly with respect to those that the Glen Oaks, Kealing and Blackshear projects will have. The Planning Director distributed copies of some analysis and discussed the summary regarding the displacement through 1970 of 1,383 families, 150 individuals, and 1,251 students. Middle or upper income families have no serious problems for relocation as there are an average of 2,500 units a year available. There is no serious problem of relocating students. About 975 families and individuals that will be displaced in the next five years will have incomes of less than \$3,600 a year, and there is a shortage of houses to meet that bracket income. Of the 975 families, 657 are non-white. Projections of private housing show about 100 low cost rental or sales units will be built in the next 5 years in the predominantly non-white areas. The Mayor asked about the Housing Authority's surveys to see what their scheduling might be. Mr. Jones stated they recognized the need, and they have to make a survey. Their function is to replace substandard houses, but it was not intended that they would house all the people or to compete with any one. There is no limit to what they could build, but the need must be shown. Mr. Jones said it takes about two or three years to complete a unit. It seems from the estimates that about 600 units are needed, and a survey could be made to see if the Authority could build from 300-500; but other means to furnish these should be explored before the Housing Authority does that.

MR. PETERI explained the cooperation agreement for housing for the elderly, stating there was a need, and they showed a need for more than they asked for.

The Planning Director continued his report stating about 200 families that would need four-five bedroom units would be replaced during the next five years, and this is where public housing will be needed. There seems to be no non-profit housing projects in Austin, and the rental supplement would not be applicable. The next two or three years seem to be the most critical in attempting to meet the housing requirements of those being replaced. He emphasized the timing, the different types of displacements, and the delays in actually completing a housing project. The Planning Director reviewed his filed statement

of "Forecast of Housing Demand from Displacement", "Availability of Housing for Non-Whites", and "Comparisons of Estimated supply of Housing with Estimated Displacement for 1966-1970 (non-white)". These estimates are subject for further examination.

Mayor Palmer asked if it could be estimated how many units could be recommended to be public housing. The City Manager read a memorandum from the Urban Renewal Director, Mr. Wayne Golden, which attempted to forecast that and the estimates were developed before he had an opportunity to study the Planning Director's estimates. The memo indicated that 100 low income housing would be needed in 1966, to rehouse those with an annual income of less than \$3000, and ability to pay \$45.00 or less displaced from Glen Oaks Project. In 1967, an additional 100 would be needed; and in 1968 there would be needed 140, totaling 340 low income dwelling units needed. The Fort Worth Urban Renewal Agency Field representative told Mr. Golden they were awaiting the approval of the Glen Oaks Project until they get something firmer from the Agency as to what can be done about relocation of Glen Oaks residents. The Mayor asked the City Manager, in cooperation with the Urban Renewal Agency and the Planning Director to determine a figure that could be submitted to the Housing Authority that a certain number of units would be needed, and asked that they consider the possibility of providing that many. The City Manager stated the Housing Authority made its own study, but the City can submit what it determines, and the Authority could develop its own survey. He suggested discussing with a group of subdividers, Austin Home builders, and others who might try to supply a part of this market. The Mayor expressed appreciation to the Housing Authority for meeting with the Council today. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be asked to get this information that has been discussed and send it to the Austin Housing Authority for its consideration and study. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman LaRue moved that MR. TOM PERKINS and members of the Chamber of Commerce be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman White. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. JAMES T. PEAL, representing the Tourist and Recreation Department of the Chamber of Commerce, stated they list Mount Bonnell as one of their major tourists attractions. He displayed pictures of the unkept littered area. It was pointed out some of the pictures were scenes on private property. Mr. Peal distributed copies of their request, which concurred in the recommendation of the Mount Bonnell Study Committee and encouraged the City and County to enter into a cooperative agreement where by the County would:

1. Repair the existing steps with installation of hand rails.
2. Install night lighting at the summit.
3. Construct walkways across the top of the mountain.
4. Construct additional observation points with all capital improvements to be coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Austin.

The City, once this work is accomplished, would then provide adequate

maintenance for the park in the future. Councilman Long asked if the Chamber of Commerce would present this same request to the County Commissioners, so that both the Council and Commissioners Court could have some joint consultations. Mr. Peal stated they would, and he displayed some plans they would like to submit to the County. Mr. Perkins stated one plan was to reactivate the old summit road on the present park; and the other would be to improve the steps, place hand rails on them; develop two additional look-out points, and a walk-way to the top. Mr. Perkins stated this park need not to be developed as a picnic area, but a scenic look-out point. The City Attorney asked if they were told there was any prohibition of the County's maintaining its own park. Mr. Perkins said they had not. The City Manager stated the City did not have extra labor available, and it would take additional people. The Mayor stated all recognized the importance of Mount Bonnell, and he thought there was enough interest and concern that Mr. Perkins and Mr. Peal visit with the County Commissioners and see if they would be willing to make these improvements, and the City could discuss and estimate what the maintenance could be and what type of maintenance it would want to give. Councilman LaRue asked if the Parks and Recreation Board should be consulted. The City Manager stated the maintenance would be more of a Sanitation Department problem than a Park Department's. Councilman Long moved that this outline and proposal that Mr. Peal has submitted on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Recreation Department for their study and recommendation. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor stated in connection with the Mount Bonnell, the Council would like to express publicly its thanks to the little Girl Scout Unit that went out and cleaned up the Park, as it was a real good move on their part. The Mayor thanked the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce for their recommendation.

Councilman LaRue moved that MR. HORSFALL be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Long. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. HORSFALL inquired if the City had any policy on public housing for the poor. The Mayor stated the Council had just spent two hours with the Housing Authority and its Administrator discussing housing. Mr. Horsfall asked that consideration be given to providing apartments for lower range salaried people, and discussed construction of houses at low rents. Mayor Palmer thanked him for his interest.

Councilman Long moved that the Council instruct the City Manager to set 2:30 P.M. Thursday, October 28th for the Council to see a preview of the slides of the Brackenridge Plans in the Council Room. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager reported in order to begin the 15th Street extension, it is necessary to engage an Engineer to do the design work on the structure that will pass over Lamar Boulevard and Shoal Creek. The Director of Public Works listed the various engineers already assigned to large construction work--Filter Plant No. 3; the sanitary sewer line in Dry Creek; the water line design for Filter Plant No. 3; Missouri-Pacific Underpass at 45th Street, and possible work on the Boulevard itself. He said Mr. Weldon R. Hudson is a very capable, qualified engineer, and has engineers specialized in this type of work. This project includes structures and paving on 15th Street from West Avenue to Enfield Road. He recommended Mr. Hudson, stating the percentage to be paid. Field work and preliminary sketches are already available to the engineer. The Mayor asked if it were possible to get participation on the cross-town thoroughfare, would this design fit the requirements. The Director of Public Works stated this tied into the Urban Transportation Program for the cross-town artery, and this would be constructing one half of the structure. Councilman Long moved that the Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works to engage Mr. Weldon R. Hudson. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Shanks asked that since this is such a beautiful part of the City that the esthetics of what the engineer does should be considered. The Director of Public Works stated that would be taken into consideration.

The City Manager reviewed a request for a loading platform to be attached to a building on 3rd Street east of Lamar, and he described the street with the railroad tracks. Although the Austin Chemical Company has side loading trucks, there may be others that have loading from the rear that would need to back into the place, but it can make special provision for those by a cutting off a part of the dock. It has been worked out now where a rear loading truck can back up to the end of the dock, and park parallel. A letter will be given to the effect an attempt would be made to assure that all vehicles loading would park parallel. The Traffic Engineer stated the area could be marked "Parallel parking only", and it could be enforced. After discussion, Councilman Shanks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approve the construction and maintenance of a loading platform in the sidewalk area on the north side of West Third, adjoining property which is owned by the Austin Chemical Company, the same being designated at lots 11 and 12, block 4, Raymond Plateau Subdivision of the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas locally known as 906 West Third and hereby authoriz@s the Austin Chemical Company to construct and maintain said loading platform, subject to the same being constructed in compliance with all the ordinances relating thereto and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue a building permit for the construction of this loading platform after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution,

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and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted subject to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper police, traffic, and fire regulations, and the right of revocation is retained, if, after hearing, it is found by the City Council that the said Austin Chemical Company has failed and refused and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"Austin, Texas  
October 5, 1965

"Memorandum to: Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager  
Subject: RESOLUTION, LOADING PLATFORM IN THE SIDEWALK

"I have considered the application of the Austin Chemical Company for permission to construct and maintain a loading platform in the sidewalk area on the north side of West Third, lots 11 and 12, block 4 of the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, locally known as 906 West Third, and I hereby advise that the following conditions exist:

"The property upon which this business is located is designated as "D" Industrial Area as shown upon the zoning maps of the City of Austin.

"This neighborhood is essentially a warehouse district in which a number of warehouses now exist with loading platforms extending out over the sidewalk area.

"I recommend that the Austin Chemical Company be granted permission to construct and maintain said loading platform in the sidewalk area adjoining the property described above subject to the following conditions:

"That the proposed loading platform be constructed of concrete or heavy timbers and provided with steps and hand rails at each end to permit the passage of pedestrians through this area, and in accordance with the plans on file in the Building Official's office, and that all grades and lines for the curb in front of this property be constructed in accordance with the lines, grades and specifications established by the Department of Public Works and having the approval of the Director of Public Works.

"Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Dick T. Jordan  
Dick T. Jordan  
Building Official"

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager stated monthly reports for September were filed with the Council on the Status of Water and Sewer Projects, Street Paving Summary, and Electrical Utility Progress Report.

The City Manager stated the Council looked at the Filter Plant in line with its proposed expansion, and the Council suggested that the Construction Engineer submit a list of some architects. The City Manager filed the list of five architects. The Council delayed decision until the following week.

Councilman White stated MR. DUDE McCANDLESS had some appraisals on his property, and he listed the amount of two about \$13,000 apart. Mr. McCandless preferred to get a permit to build than to sell the property at 17th and Trinity. The Mayor asked if the City had appraised this property. The City Attorney stated one of these appraisers had been suggested by the City, and his appraisal was the lower one. The Building Inspector said Mr. McCandless wants to make an addition to the building and convert it into apartments. The Mayor noted this type of use proposed is not compatible with the overall plan submitted to the Washington office. It was stated as the plans now stand, they are not compatible. The Mayor asked if they would send in copies of their appraisals for the file, and the Council would get maps, etc., and go look at all of this next Thursday and give Mr. McCandless an answer one way or the other.

The Mayor read a letter from MR. BILL YOUNGBLOOD furnishing additional information about the request of the Convention Committee of the Austin Restaurant Association to operate 15 in-board, out-board, and three pontoon boats on Town Lake from 8:00 until 10:00 A.M. and from 2:00 until 6:00 P.M. on June 28, 29 and 30, 1966. The boats will be operated by representatives of Glastron and other boat companies furnishing boats. The pontoon boats are the type and size used in the Aqua Festival. The boats will not be used for any other purpose than to transport delegates from the Gondolier and Crest Hotels to the Municipal Auditorium. Sufficient liability will be carried by the Austin Restaurant Association to cover this operation, and steps will be taken that the City will not accept or assume any liability. About 10,000 people will attend this convention. Councilman Long asked that no advertising be carried on the boats while they are operating on the Lake. Councilman LaRue said he would be in favor of it if they were encouraged to keep their speed down and not make excessive noise. Councilman Long urged there be no open advertising while operating on the lake. Councilman LaRue moved that the requested permission be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Councilman Long stated she had no objections to cards being placed in the boats, or announcements made at the convention about the boats. The Mayor asked that Mr. Youngblood be advised about the advertising.

The Mayor read a letter from the EVALUATION CENTER, INC., asking for a hearing before the Council to present the needs of the Center, which will render service in a central location where children with various handicaps can be examined and evaluated. Mentioned is \$60,000 for staffing the Center. The Mayor stated if seemed the City's part was furnishing a site and paying for paving the parking area. Initially the salaries would be paid by the Texas Department of Health and the City would be required to provide quarters. The group will ask that the City close in the area underneath the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Evaluation Center. Dr. Primer is looking for another location. Finally

after much discussion, Councilman LaRue moved that the City Manager be asked to look into this request; and consult with Dr. Primer since he is on the Committee. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman Long suggested that they be written that something is being done. She said the City should be sure it is not committing itself for a certain amount of money each year that it does not realize it is doing.

The Mayor read an invitation from the Housing and Home Finance Agency to a one day briefing conference, on the Housing and Urban Act of 1965 in Fort Worth on October 12th, from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Councilman LaRue moved that the City Manager send a representative to this conference. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: Councilman White

The City Manager stated he would ask the Director of Planning to attend.

The Mayor reminded the Council of its invitation to the Economy Furniture Anniversary Celebration on Monday, October 18th.

The Mayor reported quite an effort had been made on the part of the City, the Navy League and all of the officers of the Navy to try to get the U.S.S. AUSTIN to come to some Texas port. The U.S.S. Austin was scheduled to arrive in Houston on October 26th. Plans were changed to bring the Ship either to Corpus or Galveston. Corpus Christi would be a more appropriate place if this would be agreeable with the Council. Austin will present the silver punch bowl and cups to the officers of the Ship. Senator Yarbrough and Congressman Pickle had indicated if there were to be a ceremony they would like to have it on Saturday, October 30th, at 10:00 A.M. The Mayor thought a large delegation of people should go to Corpus to this ceremony.

The Mayor read a letter from Dr. Ransom expressing gratitude to the men in the Fire Department for fighting the fire in the University Tower.

The City Manager asked the Council to be thinking about its meeting dates during Christmas week.

There being no further business, Councilman Long moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

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The Council adjourned at 6:00 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Lester E. Johnson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elsie Moorley  
City Clerk